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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : HENNEKEN et al.  
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FOR ITS MANUFACTURE  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

SIR:

In the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions:

- Group I - Claims 9 - 12  
Group II - Claims 13 and 14

Accordingly, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 9 - 12.

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, for which a response period expiring on January 31, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on March 1, 2004.

Please charge the \$110.00 extension fee and any additional fees required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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